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Dear Marilla Too Project Participant:

An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been conducted for the Marilla Too Project and is enclosed for your review. This letter provides you notice of the opportunity to comment on the activities proposed in the Marilla Too Project Environmental Assessment.

The Forest Service is proposing to conduct vegetative and habitat improvement treatments in the Marilla Too Project Area. The Marilla Too Project is located on the Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District of the Huron-Manistee National Forests in T22N, R 13W, Sections 2-9, 15-17, 19-22, and 28-30, Dickson Township; and T22N, R14W, Sections 1-4, 9-12, 16, 19-22, 25, and 28-30, Dickson Township; and T23N, R13W, Sections 31-35, Marilla Township; Manistee County, Michigan. The Marilla Too EA describes four alternatives that provide different levels of treatment on National Forest System lands. The attached table provides a summary of the four alternatives analyzed in the EA.

Alternative 4 has been identified as the preferred alternative at this time. A final determination of the selected alternative will be made after all public input is received and considered. Based on this input, a different alternative or a modified alternative may be selected.

This 30-day comment period provides the final pre-decisional opportunity for public review of these proposed actions and the environmental analysis. Comments must be received or postmarked within 30 calendar days following publication of this notice in the *Manistee News Advocate*. However, when the comment period ends on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, it is extended to the close of business of the next Federal working day. In order to have standing to appeal a decision under 36 CFR 215, you must submit timely comments during the 30-day comment period.

Comments related to this project should include the following information: 1) your name, address, and (if possible) your telephone number; 2) the title of the project you are submitting comments on; and 3) specific facts or comments, along with supporting reasons that you believe I should consider in reaching a decision.

Comments received in response to this project will become a matter of public record. Individuals or organizations wishing to be eligible to appeal must provide comments or otherwise express an interest in the proposal during the comment period. Copies of the resulting decision will be mailed to those people who have submitted timely comments prior to the close of the comment period and to those who request a copy.


Comments or questions regarding this project should be submitted to Patricia O'Connell: at Cadillac-Manistee Ranger District, 412 Red Apple Road, Manistee, Michigan 49660; (Office hours 9-4:00, M-F) Telephone: 231-723-2211, ext. 3119; TTY/TDD: 231-723-0124 (hearing



impaired); Fax: 231-723-8642; email: comments-eastern-huron-manistee-manistee@fs.fed.us.
E-mail attachments must be readable by Microsoft Office 2003 or Adobe.

For additional information on this project visit our website at: <http://fs.usda.gov/goto/hmnf/lrm-cm>. Then scroll down to Marilla Too Project. From there you can view documents electronically, make additional copies, and learn more about our planning activities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim A. Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JIM A. THOMPSON
District Ranger

Enclosure

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